



# SNAPSHOTS OF MINISTRY

## TEACHING SERVICE BY EXAMPLE

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Lesson 1

# Meal by Meal

# Qualifications

- Faithful—Acts 6:1



What does Romans 12:3–5 say  
about the church?

Who is vital to the ministry?



How would our church suffer if we had no deacons? ushers? custodians? teachers? lay leaders?

# Qualifications

- **Faithful—Acts 6:1**
- **Reputable—Acts 6:3**



How can people disqualify themselves from certain positions of service?

How may they be restored? Are they never allowed to minister anywhere again?



What examples does the Bible give of leaders that failed and were still used by God?

What about those who were removed from leadership?

What was the difference?



# Qualifications

- **Faithful—Acts 6:1**
- **Reputable—Acts 6:3**
- **Full of the Holy Spirit—Acts 6:3**



What do we let control us?

How can we be mastered by  
our hobbies, our pastimes, our  
entertainment?



Is there a way to pursue godly leisure activities while still being controlled by the Spirit?

Did Christ ever relax?

How can what controls us affect our ministry?



# Qualifications

- **Full of Wisdom—Acts 6:3**



# **The Ministry Job**



# **The Result**



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Lesson 2

# Feed My Sheep



# The Failure

- **Luke 22:54–62**



Peter failed Jesus by denying Him. What are the “small” ways we fail Him today?

What are the “big” ways we fail him—those mistakes we supposedly could never recover from?



Is there really a difference?

Is God limited by our failures?

When we sin and fail Him, do we diminish His power?



# The Restoration

- **John 21:15–18**

# The Sermon

- **Acts 2:1–40**



# **Our Hope**

- **God still loves us—John 21:15–18**



Do we sometimes convince ourselves that God loves us less after we sin?

Why do we think this way?



How can we model God's  
unchanging love in our  
relationships?

# Our Hope

- **God still loves us—John 21:15–18**
- **We must still serve Him—Acts 2:14**



How has guilt kept you from serving in the past?

How can guilt be a symptom of pride?



What is the difference between  
guilt and conviction?

How does faith in Christ's work  
on the cross change our  
attitude toward service?



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Lesson 3

# Road to Rome



# Facing Injustice

- **Acts 16:16–40**



What “rights” do we have as Christians?

Can we expect fair treatment as we minister?

Does indignation serve any purpose?



How has someone helped you even though they were facing difficult circumstances?

Do we still have a chance to minister even though we ourselves require the ministry of others?



Must we wait to have our  
spiritual “act” completely  
together before serving?

What should cause us to pause  
before ministry?



# **Weathering the Storm**

- **Acts 27:9–28:10**



Share a personal example of a hardship that allowed you to minister to others more effectively.



If you struggled with accepting this difficulty, describe how you came to a better knowledge of God's grace.

What did God teach you, and what did He teach others through your testimony?



# Approaching the End

- **2 Timothy 4:5–22**



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Lesson 4

# True and Faithful



# Barnabas

- **Acts 9:26, 27**
- **Courageous**



Which takes more courage:  
shooting off something snide  
and critical, or expressing  
genuine, sincere  
encouragement directly to  
another person?

Which is more profitable?



# Barnabas

- **Acts 9:26, 27**
- **Courageous**
- **Faithful**



Which is harder: encouraging someone who's obviously doing well, or someone who has failed and needs help?

Do any of us really deserve encouragement?



How does Christ's example  
enable us to encourage those  
that have failed?



# Lydia

- **Acts 16:13–15, 40**



# Priscilla and Aquila

- **Acts 18:1–3, 18–21, 24–28**



How has your ministry been affected by the departure of a good friend or mentor?

Who must sustain us in ministry?

How does God use others to enhance our ministry?



Does your ministry include encouragement, or are you content to serve on your own?

Does the way you help out in church encourage others without drawing praise for yourself?



Are there ways to encourage  
without actually saying  
anything?



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Lesson 5

# Matchless Grace



# **At a Wedding**

- **John 2:1–11**



# **In the House of Sinners**

- **Matthew 9:9–13**



# On the Sabbath

- **Mark 3:1–5**



# **In Spite of Ungratefulness**

- **Luke 17:11–19**



# In the Temple

- **Luke 19:45–48**



# In Grief

- **John 11:34–44**



# **In the Upper Room**

- **John 13:3–20**



# In the Garden

- **Luke 22:47–53**



# On the Cross

- **Luke 23:39–43**



# On the Shore

- **John 21:15–18**

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